

REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action dated January 14, 2009 (the "Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. All of the issues raised in the Office Action have been carefully considered and are addressed herein. The application as presented is believed to be in allowable condition.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 24-25, and 27-28 are objected to as depending from rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, to accept subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner and thereby place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant has amended the claims as follows:

- Dependent claim 24 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 1, as pending prior to entry of this paper;
- Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 25 and claim 25 has been canceled without prejudice;
- Dependent claim 27 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 7, as pending prior to entry of this paper;
- Independent claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 28 and claim 28 has been canceled without prejudice; and
- Rejected independent claims 29 has been cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's representative at the telephone number indicated below to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of the application. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 141270.

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Respectfully submitted,

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